

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

amend claim 10 to depend from 7

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 7 further comprising the step of
conducting x-ray analysis through the belt to acquire information about the fracture.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 7, wherein the securing step includes the step of securing the belt symmetrically by pulling on opposite end portions of the belt simultaneously, thereby stabilizing the fractured pelvis evenly.
5. (Original) A method of securing a pelvic fixator comprising
temporarily reducing a fractured pelvis by tightening a belt device around a person's pelvis, and
securing a pelvic fixator while the belt is secured around the person's pelvis.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of
automatically setting an appropriate tension on the belt by providing a buckle that locks and maintains a circumference for the belt when the tension is in the range of approximately 150 N to 250 N.

7. A method of reducing a pelvic fracture comprising
applying circumferential ~~external distributed pressure~~ **even hoop stress** around
a person's pelvis by securing a belt having a tension in the range of approximately
150 N to 250 N.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of
transporting the person to a hospital.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of stabilizing a fractured pelvis in an emergency
situation comprising

securing a sling member around a person's fractured pelvis, and
tightening a sling member by operating a buckle mechanism that exhibits a
hysteresis effect between the minimal force required to lock the buckle and the maximal
force required to unlock the buckle.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 7, wherein the setting step
includes the step of

compressing a spring mechanism until a pin structure engages a hole, the spring
having a constant selected to provide an appropriate tension level to reduce a fractured
pelvis without excessive compression.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 further comprising
compressing a spring mechanism until a pin structure engages a hole, the spring
having a constant selected to provide an appropriate tension level to reduce the
fractured pelvis without excessive compression.